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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Brian G. Connor *et al.*

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For: SURGICAL DEVICES INCORPORATING  
LIQUID JET ASSISTED TISSUE  
MANIPULATION AND METHODS FOR  
THEIR USE

Examiner: Katherine Marie Dowe

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated April 2, 2009 (Paper No. 20090323), the response date of which is extended to October 2, 2009 by the accompanying request for an extension of time, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.